

## Transitional Supportive Living Program Grant Questions and Answers

1. Can you provide more details on the presentation/diagnoses of clients to be served?

**State's Response:** Most young adults APS serves either have a mental illness or a disability. We are seeing more autistic young adults who may have never received proper treatment as children. We are also seeing more young adults who may be able to work or attend school but have not learned appropriate skills. Some may not have an IQ below 75 and won't be served by DDSN but is still lower functioning and needs to learn skills to function on their own. These adults are difficult to place in long-term care facilities because of their age, and in many cases, this type of placement is not appropriate for these young adults. With appropriate services and guidance, they could live a fuller and more fulfilling life than what a nursing home or assisted living facility can provide them.

2. What is the current population need (i.e. individuals who need this service)?

**State's Response:** We currently have approximately 50 young adults in our system between the ages of 18 and 30. Not all of these would be appropriate for the TSL Grant.

3. Can you further define Team Quality Enhancement Plans and their respective requirements?

**State's Response:** Each staff should have an individual professional development plan and the TSL Team as a whole should have a plan as to how the team members will work together and balance the requirements of the entire program. The requirements will be set by the provider and agreed upon by DSS.

4. Can you further define Individual Professional Development Plans and their respective requirements?

**State's Response:** Each staff who work with the young adults in the TSL Program should have a professional development plan and training that fits their job description and it should be tailored to fit the population we are serving. The requirements will be set by the provider and agreed upon by DSS.

5. Can you define your requirements for a case management data system?

**State's Response:** A computerized system that documents the activities, observations, and progress of each young adult. The system should also include an assessment mechanism and a needs and service plan.

6. What are the required components of the weekly progress summary?

**State's Response:** We would like the providers input on what the progress summary would look like and it would look different for each adult; however, there would be basic information required on each young adult such as weekly progress.

7. Can you expand on the monthly training requirements in the reporting section? Is this for new staff trained under the section titled *Required Activities* item #7 or something else?

**State's Response:** It will show training for all new staff and any continuing education received by current staff.

8. What is the anticipated time frame for placement of clients in this program? What is the average length of stay for transitional services until Medicaid or DDSN placement is established?

**State's Response:** DSS is hoping to place young adults 30 days after the award, but the timeframe can be discussed. The length of stay depends on how quickly Medicaid responds (typically within 3 months) and how long it takes DDSN to find a permanent placement. DDSN is currently struggling with finding providers who serve the 18 to 21 population.

9. Are there any specific models or interventions that SCDSS has preference for when working with this population?

**State's Response:** There are no preferred models or specific interventions that DSS knows of for working with this population. The TSL Program is starting off as a pilot project in hopes that new practices and interventions may be established. DSS and APS believes strongly in self-determination and wants these young adults to become as independent as possible.

10. What regulations would this program fall under?

**State's Response:** The South Carolina Omnibus Adult Protection Act. governs the APS Program. and the Administration for Community Living provides Federal oversight. There are currently no specific regulations that APS falls under which is why this TSL program is so important. This program will be one of the first in the country. Programs that receive funding from this grant would be bound by the terms outlined in the grant.

11. Do these funds include start up or only service provision? (is this total award or just for service rendered)?

**State's Response:** This amount is the entire amount available for this program for the time period listed. The same amount will be available next year as well. This amount is for the program as a whole to include the services rendered.